

Neighborhood Edition

FIFTEENTH YEAR—No. 3

Palos Verdes Home Group in Meeting

REDONDO BEACH.—Annual meeting of the Palos Verdes Homes association was held yesterday afternoon...

The association now has 694 acres of park lands, including four miles of shoreline, the golf course, and several playgrounds...

Directors Re-elected J. Lawrence and Colonel J. C. Low were re-elected to serve as directors for a three-year term.

Following the meeting of the association, the directors held a meeting and following were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year...

A decision is expected within the next few days on the friendly law suit that is pending in Supreme court between the county of Los Angeles and the board of supervisors...

The act is similar to the water district act, the school district act, and several others, and the attorneys for the board of supervisors are optimistic that a favorable decision will shortly be handed down by the Supreme court.

WOMAN CATCHES BIG BASS

REDONDO BEACH.—Again Mrs. M. N. Ludlow of Altadena landed a 35-lb. bass from the Olympic barge, Hermosa Beach. This is the second she has captured within a week...

Keystone Pupils Set New Record

There was an increase in the perfect attendance at Carson street school for the month of December over the preceding month...

Kindergarten—Dick Carlisle, Eugene Harrell, Raymond Harrell, Winthrop Howe, Dorothy Downing...

First Grade: Joe Moine, Mitsuo Shintani, Thomas Cowan, Douglas Harrell, Kenneth Johnson, Michio Yanaga...

Second Grade: Teddy Alexander, Leo King, Andrew Moine, John Piguero, Kiyoshi Sasaki, Luther Tilley, Bruno Giacomi, Kiyoshi Shintaku...

Third Grade: Bernice Downing, George Morie Tomlin, Laura Billings, Lucille Howe, Fern Strong, Joe Ferrais, Roy Holland...

Fourth Grade: Robert Sault Billy Huffman, Harold Morris, Permelia Strong, Miyoko Takemoto, Dixie Whitson...

Fifth Grade: Junior Downings, Alfred Giacomi, Mario Trainotti, Elliott Wofenberger, Leroy Hogberg...

Sixth Grade: Gordon Martin, John Frisco, Paul Danny, Adella Tomlin, Yoshiko Moriyama, Lillian Shihai, Kikyo Yanaga...

Seventh Grade: Mario Giacomi, Charles Johnson, Norris Lindsey, Iamu Masuda, Kenichi Matsuoika, Orin Tilley, John Hilbert, Ruth Nahmens, Evelyn Pauling, Audrey Roocue, Eldeko Trainotti...

Eighth Grade: Herman Downing, Harmon Downing, Stanley Gill, William Gill, Richard Tilpot, Chiyeko Matsuoika, Rora Lindsey, Alene Wiseheart...

NOTICE The eighth annual meeting of the Torrance Hospital Association of Torrance will be held in the Nurses Home of the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial Hospital...

Threat of Flood Rouses Compton

City Builds Big Dike When County Work Is Prevented

COMPTON.—The drainage situation in Compton has become acute and city officials are making ready for flood conditions by erecting barriers east of the Pacific Electric railway to Alameda.

Refusal of the Hellman estate to grant right of way for the ditch through their estate on conditions that were acceptable to the county board of supervisors has resulted in an acute situation.

Briefly, the situation is as follows: A half mile of drainage ditch has already been dug, paralleling the Southern Pacific track. The ditch is closed at both ends.

The ditching machine has been taken away. Japanese farmers, leasing the land from the Hellman estate, are building dykes to the south of the creek, which now has its only outlet toward Alameda street.

The city has a big force of men with scrapers building big dams on the north side of the ditch. This, it is hoped, will prevent the flooding of the land to the north of the city limits.

The situation is described by officials as being acute and if a heavy rain comes the flood situation in Compton will be worse than ever before as the dams erected will cause water to spread all over the city, west of the Pacific electric tracks.

Negotiations with the Hellman estate for right of way for Compton creek have failed and the Japanese tenants have built a dam three or four feet high entirely across the channel of Compton creek and are turning the water down Alameda street, according to T. L. Walter, chairman of the road and drainage committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Last Monday county board of supervisors asking that right of way for Compton creek be condemned from the north boundary, line of Compton to the river, said Mr. Walton.

This petition also calls for a 50-foot right of way on each side of the creek through Compton for Pacific Electric highway, which action was approved by the city council of Compton several weeks ago when they asked the supervisors to condemn this right of way along with Compton creek under the Mattoon act.

This condemnation will take several months, but it seems to be the only way to get relief. Mr. Walter says he has worked 43 years to see Compton go dry and hopes to live to see results.

LASSCO Liner Gets Naval Reserve Flag Establishment of the Los Angeles new merchant marine naval reserve fleet will be marked by impressive ceremonies at noon today aboard the Lassco liner City of Honolulu, when the trans-Pacific Greyhound is presented with a naval reserve flag by Rear Admiral Ashley H. Robertson, commander of the Eleventh Naval District. The City of Honolulu will be the first Los Angeles passenger liner so honored.

M. and Mrs. S. Townsend and family of Wilmington have rented one of the houses on Carson street owned by J. F. Evans.

Lawndale Nears Forest of Rigs

Forty Derricks Will Be Up in 30 Days; Field Boom Grows

LAWDALE.—As intense competition continues among the big companies with their derricks near the Ingleswood-Rosecrans avenue intersection nearly complete, excavations and the hauling in of material for a dozen or more new wells in more or less close proximity to the center of development is going on at a feverish pace.

Congestion of traffic with the ever-increasing stream of humanity coming into the district anxious to lay stakes on the future of the oil field, intermingles with that coming in with equipment and others going out with oil and that section of the district is all but impassable.

One of the big developments of the week is the announcement of the formation of a new corporation to succeed the Smith Petroleum company, and to thoroughly develop the forty-acre Smith lease on which the discovery well, still flowing as strongly as ever, is situated. The new company is the Smith Development company in the company's stock. George O. Berry, who will be in charge of drilling and field operations for the company announces the immediate drilling of four wells on this forty-acre lease, which is situated southwest of the intersection of Ingleswood and Rosecrans avenues. Excavations on this lease are under way for the first of the four wells, this one to be located just at the corner back of Harry Lathrop's real estate office. It will offset Richfield's City No. 1 across Rosecrans to the north, now almost due east. Excavations on the Smith Development have located a well at Shoup and Rosecrans, offsetting the Standard Oil Thomas No. 1 across Rosecrans. Another well west of the Lawn-Ingleswood intersection will offset the Petroleum Security and the fourth west of Market-Ingleswood intersection will offset Standard's Vance No. 1.

Excavation got under way for the erection of a rig by Jim O'Donnell on the Karr acre lease at the southwest corner of the Sixth and Lawn, and the Hancock Oil are prepared to set up a rig on the southeast corner of Sixth and Market.

Companies who have not been previously active in negotiating for close in leases, but who have entered the field this week, include the Shell, General Petroleum, Pacific Western and Italo-American. Coming farther north the Magenhimer Securities corporation is setting up a rig between Maryland and Shirley, just west of Hawthorne city limits. It is reported that the California Eastern will drill on an Ingleswood avenue lease in this same vicinity.

Completion of derricks and equipment by the Superior, Richfield, Union, Standard, Petroleum Security and other companies near the tense Rosecrans-Ingleswood corner is being speeded with crews working feverishly and long shifts in the effort by each one to be the first to reach the black gold underneath.

From the surveys being made and sites being staked out almost certain indications are that there will be 40 derricks up within thirty days and a veritable forest will rear their heads in the Lawndale-Hawthorne area in three months. That the Lawndale field is not a

SIGNAL HILL RICHEST CITY

SIGNAL HILL.—The richest city in the world is Signal Hill. That is for its size it is the richest.

The title was claimed in a report filed by the captain of its fire department. According to his statement, each of the 1373 acres of producing oil land included within the city's boundaries bears an average assessed valuation of \$19,500, or a total of \$29,707,000 for the entire city.

The same report placed the per capita wealth at \$530. Signal Hill has existed as a corporate city for a little more than five years. It withdrew from the jurisdiction of Long Beach as a result of the enormous oil activities then going on. It is the wealth of petroleum products that makes it responsible for its financial position.

Flash in the pan, but is destined for production on a large scale as indicated by the manner in which the Smith-Peck well is maintaining its flow. Field reports reveal that it is still producing 950 barrels a day well stopped down.

Deepening of the nearby San Clemente well still continues, although wild reports that this well had come in Friday producing anything from 1500 to 3000 barrels were premature.

Leases continue to be taken in an ever-widening circle, some being negotiated as far south as El Nido and east of Prairie avenue. The Standard Oil company, it is reported, has taken a lease on an acre on the northeast corner of Strawberry and Prairie.

The report was current here this week that the Standard has purchased thirteen acres of George Oswald's tract (the ball grounds) at the northeast corner of Prairie and Ballona avenues, partially in Hawthorne. Inquiry by the Advertiser at the land and geological department of the company in Los Angeles elicited a positive denial of this rumor. Another rumor to the effect that one of the major companies had leased the old ball grounds located south of the Pacific Electric line and between Hawthorne and Sausal avenues was denied by the land department of the company in response to any inquiry by this paper.

Sales Are Enormous Sales in the district have reached a magnitude hardly conceivable a few weeks ago and according to reliable reports business in this direction by some of the leading real estate operators has passed a million dollars, with the activity of the past week more feverish than ever before. A day's sale of \$50,000 to \$100,000 is coming to be common occurrence.

Los Angeles, Ingleswood, Torrance, Long Beach, Redondo and Hermosa operators have augmented the number of Lawndale and Hawthorne realtors who were on the ground floor, and the outside brokers still continue to come.

Merely that reports the sale of the McArthur tract at Hawthorne, Prairie, Howard and Farrell, more than a mile from the Smith well is now entirely complete. The last prices of lots in the tract were \$1500. That prices are still going skyward is indicated by the fact that two forty-foot lots on West Shirley avenue in this city brought \$15,000 this week. An acre in Liberty Acres, near the water well in that tract sold for \$12,000 this week and a few weeks ago it would scarcely have commanded \$2,000.

Inglewood Seeks Data on Water

Survey of Supply Started by Engineer; Colorado River Considered

INGLEWOOD.—An exhaustive survey of Inglewood's water resources is being made by Arthur W. Corey, consulting engineer for the city, in conjunction with Harry Griffith, water superintendent. It was learned today. The purpose of the survey is to determine the existing supply and the future demand in order to determine Inglewood's status in relation to the Colorado river aqueduct supply.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bennett and family of Wilmington moved on Wednesday into a house on Amelia Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tipton have as their house guests Mr. Tipton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Tipton of Ellensburg, Washington.

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KEYSTONE NOTES

Keystone will have within a short time a Woman's Club. With that end in view a call was sent out for the women of Keystone to meet at the home of Mrs. E. H. Poole 497 Amelia street, Wednesday afternoon. There were 12 present at this first meeting. A committee consisting of Mrs. Poole and Mrs. S. S. Tannehill were appointed to get information regarding the organization and to obtain speakers for the next meeting which will be held on the 23rd. Tea was served by the hostess, Mrs. Poole to Mrs. Barmond in order to determine Inglewood's status in relation to the Colorado river aqueduct supply.

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With Mrs. Alma Campbell as hostess, the members of the Happy Hour club were pleasantly entertained last Wednesday afternoon. High honors were awarded in piano to Mrs. Corrine LeBlanc and second prize was received by Mrs. Mary Dorchak. A light refreshment course was served later in the afternoon by the hostess, Mrs. Campbell to Mrs. LeBlanc, Mrs. Dorchak, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbons.

Mrs. Marion Sault who was confined to her home in Redondo has been brought to the home of her son, Samuel C. Sault on Amelia street where she is resting as comfortably as can be expected.

Mrs. Pernia Piper and her nephew, Dick Waller of Figueroa street were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tannehill on Dolores street on Sunday evening.

Dr. Arthur Martin of Whittier, who has been ill at his home is now visiting his brother, Ernest Martin of Amelia street where he is recuperating.

Thomas A. Cowan of Amelia street, and President of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce received the sad news of the death of his father, George W. Cowan in Mineola, Texas, on Friday. The deceased was 78 years of age.

The Crochet club will meet at the home of Mrs. H. T. Howorth in Long Beach on Thursday afternoon. Luncheon will be served to the club members at noon and the afternoon will be spent socially.

DINOCLOGUES BY THE CHEF HITTING ON ALL SIX! Delicious! And how! These mandarin dishes that Mr. Frank Fujiwara prepares are the best I have ever had the pleasure of eating, says Bill O'Fara.

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